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The Green Beret Foundation Strengthens Family Support with the Addition of the Special Forces Scholarship Fund

San Antonio, Texas, February 9, 2024 – The [Green Beret Foundation](#), the leading nonprofit organization that stands with and exclusively supports The U.S. Army Special Forces Regiment and their families, is proud to announce the significant expansion of its scholarship offerings through the strategic addition of the [Special Forces Scholarship Fund](#). Marking a new era in scholarships for the Special Forces community, this partnership immediately strengthens the Green Beret Foundation's mission of providing comprehensive support to the families of current and former U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers.

The Special Forces Scholarship Fund becomes an integral addition to the Green Beret Foundation's portfolio of offerings. The addition serves as a tribute to the commitment and sacrifices made by Green Berets and their families. This scholarship fund provides merit-based post-secondary education scholarships exclusively to the families of active-duty and veteran U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers. Through the addition of the Special Forces Scholarship Fund, the Green Beret Foundation will leverage its dedicated team of volunteers, generous donors, former Special Forces Scholars, and academic institutions worldwide to support Special Forces families in pursuing their educational goals while upholding the proud legacy of the Green Berets.

Charlie Iacono, President and CEO of the Green Beret Foundation, echoed this sentiment: "We are thrilled to welcome the entire team of volunteers and the Special Forces Scholarship Fund into the Foundation as we collectively work to enhance and grow this scholarship offering. This move fortifies our mutual commitment to America's future leaders while ensuring children of Green Berets are positioned for success as they pursue higher education. Together, we will recognize the service of Green Beret families by investing in their long-term educational and financial success. This new addition to our Foundation also allows us to honor their dedication and sacrifices. This expansion is a clear indication of the strategic direction our Foundation is embracing as we consolidate the marketplace, with the goal of enhancing the impact of our mission."

"As part of this procurement, the Green Beret Foundation is pleased to introduce Steve Mannell as a new member of its Board of Directors. Steve Mannell, currently serving as the President of the Special Forces Scholarship Fund, brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to supporting Green Beret families. His dedication to our nation as a Green Beret, involvement in our community, and willingness to lead from the front embodies everything we seek in our board members. We are fully dedicated to the success of this addition to our portfolio of programs and anticipate significant growth in the area of scholarships." - LTG(R) Ken Tovo, Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Green Beret Foundation.

Steve Mannell expressed his enthusiasm for this initiative: "The Special Forces Scholarship Fund recognizes the importance of investing in the families who have dedicated their lives to serving our nation as Green Berets. We are committed to providing opportunities for education and growth to these remarkable families, ensuring they have the support they need to thrive, and we recognize we are stronger together." The Special Forces Scholarship Fund represents a powerful testament to the Green Beret Foundation's ongoing commitment to the well-being and prosperity of U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers and their families. By expanding the Green Beret Foundation's educational support, the Foundation aims to strengthen the Green Beret community and ensure a brighter future for those who have served our nation with valor.

For students looking to apply for the Special Forces Scholarship, applicants are encouraged to visit <https://greenberetfoundation.org/sf-scholarship-fund/>.

About Green Beret Foundation

The Green Beret Foundation (GBF) provides all generations of U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers and their families with emergency, immediate, and ongoing support. Since its inception in 2009, GBF has assisted over 16,000 Special Forces families and invested 86%, or 86 cents of every dollar, into its programs and services, totaling over \$19 million that has directly supported the Regiment and its families. As a committed nonprofit organization, GBF has earned the prestigious 4-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, a testament to its dedication and efficacy in supporting Green Berets and their families. GBF is the sole special operations nonprofit accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of preparing, filing, and appealing of disability claims. Please visit the Green Beret Foundation's website for more information: <https://greenberetfoundation.org>.

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